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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the addenda to the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) (A/48/690/Adds.1 and 2).

2. As indicated in the reports, further requirements for UNPROFOR have been requested in view of the enlargement of the mandate of UNPROFOR and the additional responsibilities to be undertaken by it in connection with Security Council resolutions 900 (1994) of 4 March 1994 and 908 (1994) of 31 March 1994; these responsibilities are outlined in paragraph 6 of addendum 1 and paragraph 2 of addendum 2.

3. In order to implement the tasks assigned to UNPROFOR, in addendum 1 the Secretary-General has proposed to increase the strength of UNPROFOR by 8,250 contingent personnel, 150 military observers and 275 civilian police monitors. The breakdown of those numbers and the areas of deployment are indicated in paragraph 7 of that addendum, while the related support elements have been indicated in annex II, table 4, of the same document. The costs associated with these requirements have been estimated at $151,180,000 gross ($150,932,700 net) during the period from April to July 1994.

4. However, as indicated in addendum 2, by its resolution 908 (1994) the Security Council authorized an increase in military personnel of up to 3,500 additional troops in connection with undertaking the responsibilities mentioned in paragraph 2 of addendum 2. In this connection, as indicated in the same paragraph, the need for 20 military observers, 120 support personnel and 20 civilian police monitors has been identified to carry out various support tasks.

5. In paragraph 3 of its resolution 900 (1994), the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to appoint a senior civilian official to, inter alia, draw up an overall assessment and plan of action for the restoration of essential

public services in the various opstine of Sarajevo. For this purpose the Secretary-General has proposed the appointment of a Special Coordinator at the Assistant Secretary-General level.

6. As stated in paragraph 3 of addendum 2, the requirements estimated by the Secretary-General in addendum 1 were based on a greater number of military personnel than that subsequently authorized by the Security Council in resolution 908 (1994). This has resulted in an average decrease of 58 per cent in the military strength. However, the cost estimate for the rental of the fixed-wing aircraft remains unchanged. Total revised requirements for the four-month period from 1 April to 31 July 1994 are estimated at $63,733 gross ($63,629,200 net). A detailed cost breakdown is contained in the annex to addendum 2.

7. By its resolution 48/238 of 24 March 1994, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of UNPROFOR at a rate not to exceed $95,430,962 gross ($94,546,770 net) per month for the period from 1 April to 31 July 1994, should the Security Council decide to continue the operation beyond 31 March 1994. That authorization does not provide for the increased strength and the additional requirements of the operation as mentioned above. The Advisory Committee therefore recommends that the General Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to enter into additional commitments at a rate not to exceed $15.9 million gross per month for the period from 1 April to 31 July 1994. The Advisory Committee also recommends acceptance of the request of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 4 of addendum 2 for assessment of the amount of $20,794,000 gross ($20,690,100 net).

8. The Advisory Committee trusts that comprehensive information and detailed cost estimates for the period from 1 April 1994 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of UNPROFOR to be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 48/238, no later than 15 June 1994.